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For: RNA INTERFERENCE PATHWAY GENES AS
TOOLS FOR TARGETED GENETIC
INTERFERENCE

Examiner: M. Monshipouri

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed April 13, 2006 (Paper No. 20060407). A separate petition for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner has required restriction of the invention under 35 U.S.C. 121 to one of the following groups:

Group I: Claims 4, 17-27, drawn to isolated RDE-1 polypeptides. Homolog thereof and fusion products of all said products, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group II: Claim 13, drawn to a method of preparing RNAi utilizing said polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 6.